

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

The invention relates to an apparatus and arrangement for shielding a component, particularly a semiconductor component, against electrostatic discharge. The semiconductor component according to an embodiment of the invention comprises an electroconductive element, for which there is arranged at least one outlet so that the electroconductive element is groundable through said outlet for shielding the semiconductor component against electrostatic pulses.

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